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## **Saginaw County district judgeship back in the mix**

*Local lawmakers Rep. Kahn, Sen. Goschka combine efforts to retain local judgeship*

**LANSING** — Saginaw County will keep a district judgeship under legislation recommended by the Senate Judiciary Committee because of the efforts of Rep. Roger Kahn and Sen. Mike Goschka.

"I'm very pleased that, working with Senator Goschka, we have successfully protected and retained our local judges," said Rep. Roger Kahn, R-Saginaw Township. "This is good news for county residents."

Goschka, R-Brant, submitted testimony before the committee regarding the need for the 70<sup>th</sup> District Court judgeship, which serves all of Saginaw County.

"I'm gratified that the committee saw fit to hear me out on this most important issue," Goschka said.

A recommendation sent to the Legislature advocated removing a Saginaw County judgeship.

Goshka noted to the committee that since the beginning of the new year, the city of Saginaw has seen three murders and shootings in the double-digits.

Kahn added, "We believe those crimes require significant judicial attention and involvement and reducing the number of available, trained, and established judges at a time when the need for their presence is actually increasing does not make sense."

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